

Child Protection Policy Statement

Introduction

At The Christian Centre Middlesbrough, we take child protection very seriously, and have taken every step to ensure that the children in our care are safe from every kind of harm.

Most good practise in working with children and young people is common sense, and the following document offers general information and guidelines only. We cannot offer an interpretation of every law or regulation relating to children's work, but in forming our own policy statement we have drawn on the 1989 Children's Act, the 1993 Safe from Harm code of practice, issued by the Home Office, and the recommendations of the C.C.P.A.S. (Churches Child Protection Advisory Service.) We will be regularly liasing and updating our volunteers on current issues.

Policy Statement

This policy statement is concerning children and young people who attend The Christian Centre Middlesbrough (TCCM). (To be agreed by the Church leadership annually)

1. As a church, and as leaders and helpers of TCCM, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially the children / young people within our care.
2. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
3. We recognise that our work with children/young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
4. The church is committed to supporting, resource and training those who work with the children / young people that attend TCCM, and to providing supervision wherever needed.
5. TCCM is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice Safe From Harm.
6. TCCM agrees to implement and maintain the following:
 - To maintain a register of children/young people.
 - To maintain workers registration form.
 - interview all prospective workers.
 - To provide adequate insurance cover for all activities organised by TCC.